

# The Grizzly Times

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## American Education Week: History

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The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week.

Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

During this week when we celebrate education... take the time to write your teacher a note and say thank you for working hard to educate your child. The administrative staff will cook for the teachers during their lunch on Friday to show their appreciation for all their hard in making Oakbrook Elementary a wonderful place for children.

**\*Fine Arts Rotation\***  
**Rotation 1 begins**  
**Tuesday, November 18th**  
Music, Art, or P.E.

### **HOUSE OF BOUNCE** **Oakbrook Night**

**Join us for a night of fun at**  
**The House of Bounce**  
**Thursday, November 20th**  
**From 6:00 to 8:00pm**  
**\$5.00 per child to jump**

**Games, Arcades,**  
**Pizza and a great**  
**drawing at the end**  
**of the night.**  
**Proceeds will go to**  
**our Guidance**  
**Department. We**  
**hope to see everyone there!**



### A MESSAGE FROM NURSE HATHCOCK

Cold and flu season is here. Please be aware that the nurse CANNOT give any medication without the permission form signed by the parent and physician. It is the district policy that the parent bring in the medication along with the form. Please encourage your child to cover their cough and sneeze. This will help prevent the spread of germs. This is also a great time to remind your children of the important of **WASHING THEIR HANDS**...this is by far the best way to prevent the spread of germs.



### Looking Ahead

#### NOVEMBER

**18th** Terrific Kid  
**19th** Educational Support Day  
**20th** House of Bounce 6-8pm  
**21st** Spirit Day—Wear OES Shirt  
**24th** School Board Meeting 7pm

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
**NOVEMBER 26TH—30TH**

#### DECEMBER

**1st** Return from Thanksgiving

### **National Education** **Support Professionals Day:** **History**

Education Support Professionals (ESP) Day was first celebrated in 1987 after NEA's Representative Assembly called for the creation of a way to honor contributions of school support staff. National ESP Day is a time to strengthen support and respect for these colleagues.

In 2003, Karen Mahurin, then president of NEA's National Council of Education Support Professional (NCESP) members, led a successful campaign at the NEA Representative Assembly to change ESPs formal name from "Education Support Personnel" to "Education Support Professionals."

"The name change to 'professional' acknowledges the major contribution ESPs make to children and public education every day," says Mahurin, a secretary with 22 years of experience. "We impact the lives of children every day in our own special and professional ways."

The new name reflects a growing pride in the valuable role ESPs play throughout America's public schools. Today's support professionals provide invaluable services that enable students to learn in positive, supportive environments. ESPs are equal and essential partners in the education process.

At Oakbrook Elementary we are thankful to have such a wonderful group of professional support staff. They work tirelessly every day to help keep our school and grounds clean and safe. A huge thank you to...

Jerry Linder - Maintenance  
Elaine Smalls and crew - Custodial  
Jannette Alston, Floyd Pent, Deloris Pryor,  
Michelle Taste, Joseph Petrohovich, Lillian Edge, Larry Edge, Camessia Boyc, Freezie Gillard

Lunch-\$1.40 Breakfast-\$0.85  
**Lunch School Menu**  
 for the week of November 17th  
 includes milk choice  
**Offered Daily: bag lunch**  
 \*\*Only the main food is listed\*\*  
**MONDAY**  
 Breaded Chicken Filet Sandwich  
**TUESDAY**  
 Thanksgiving Meal  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Breaded Chicken Filet Sandwich  
**THURSDAY**  
 Oven Fried Chicken  
**FRIDAY**  
 Cheese Pizza

**PET SUPPLY DRIVE**  
 OES Staff is sponsoring a Pet Supply drive for the SPCA. The SPCA food supply is almost depleted. They need food for dogs and cats as well as other supplies. We are sponsoring this drive in honor of Denise Nitz. Mrs. Nitz was a fourth grade teacher at OES who died 2 years ago. You can show your support for either USC or Clemson by putting your donation in your favorite school's box.



**THANK YOU!!!**  
 We want to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents that participated in our Career/Vehicle Day. It was a HUGE success this year. The children enjoyed learning about different professions from those who serve in our armed forces to those who train therapy dogs. It was incredible to see all the opportunities that await our students in the work force. We thank all of you that made this day a complete success.

2008—2009  
 Early Dismissal Days  
 Students will be dismissed  
 At 11:00 this year.  
 Letters will be sent home asking if your child will buy lunch, bring lunch or eat lunch at home. Also you will be asked how the child is to go home that day. Please let Day Care and Babysitters know about these special early dismissal days.  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
 December 10th  
 January 14th  
 January 28th  
 February 25th  
 March 18th  
 April 29th

**WRITTEN EXCUSES**  
 When a student misses school for any reason, he or she must bring an excuse explaining the absences. Please make sure your child brings in a written note signed by parent or guardian stating the reason he or she was out and the dates. If your child has a doctors appointment and that is the reason for their absence please provide a doctors excuse. These excuses must be turned in within three days of your child's absence.

**HONEY HUGS and BEAR HUGS**  
 Don't forget to order your Honey Hugs or Bear Hugs for the yearbook. You can purchase a recognition ad for the yearbook and leave a special message for your son or daughter. This is something that they will treasure always. You can pick up an order form in the front office today!  
 Get your order in today as there are a limited number we can sell!



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**BEARS PREPARING FOR PASS: Looking at the Standards**  
*Preparing Our Bears of the Future.*

**THIRD GRADE**  
**Objectives:**  
**Reading:** Write, act or draw to respond to reading  
**Writing:** Use pronouns such as I, me, he, or him correctly  
**Research and Oral Communication:** Use pictures, objects, or charts to support oral presentations  
**Activity:** Discuss the point of view of a character in a story

**FOURTH GRADE**  
**Objectives:**  
**Reading:** Write, act, draw, and make presentations to respond to reading  
**Writing:** Use conjunctions such as although, while, neither, and nor correctly  
**Research and Oral Communication:** Gather information from sources, such as books, newspapers, graphs, dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, thesauri, almanacs, and nonprint media  
**Activity:** read aloud age-appropriate books to your child and discuss why a character acted as he/she did

**FIFTH GRADE**  
**Objectives:**  
**Reading:** Understand the characteristics of legend, myths, speeches, and personal essays  
**Writing:** Capitalize the names of religions, languages, and ethnic and national groups  
**Research and Oral Communication:** Gather information by using books and magazines  
**Activity:** While watching television, point out opinions that are not supported by evidence

**Book:** The Cricket in Times Square by Seldon, George

**Books:** Number the Stars by Lois Lowry, Beatles Lightly Toasted by Phyllis Naylor

**Websites:** Stories from the web: <http://www.storiesfromtheweb.org>

**Websites:** United States Department of Education—<http://www.ed.gov/parents>, Surfing the Net with Kids—<http://surfnetskids.com>, and Stories from the Web—<http://www.storiesfromtheweb.org>

